

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

**ROLL CALL** was read by Ms. Ingrassia. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief John Zolgus, and Fire Chief Jason Buss.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Ms. Noack made a motion to amend the Minutes from May 9, 2018 to correct Mr. Hipps' name. The motion was seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of the amendment; none opposed. A motion to approve the Minutes from the May 9, 2018 Council Meeting as amended was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Mr. Magistrelli, Mr. Czerr, Mr. Hipps, and Ms. Noack were in favor of approval; Ms. Domzalski and Mr. Vojtush abstained.

At this time, Mayor Nehez stated the meeting would deviate from the agenda in order to handle some Fire Department business. Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Magistrelli if he was permitted to read all four pieces of appointment legislation and have Council vote on them all with one vote. Mr. Magistrelli requested the legislation be presented in that fashion.

**2018-36** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Stephen Hren as a Part-Time Lieutenant with the Fire Department (First Reading)

**2018-37** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Jordan Jachna as a Part-Time Lieutenant with the Fire Department (First Reading)

**2018-38** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Patrick Phillips as a Part-Time Lieutenant with the Fire Department (First Reading)

**2018-39** – An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Paul Wojtkiewicz as a Part-Time Lieutenant with the Fire Department (First Reading)

A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none opposed. A motion to pass was made by Mr. Vojtus and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of passage; none opposed.

Chief Buss addressed the audience about the newly appointed Lieutenants and delivered a speech on how to be an effective leader. Following that speech, Chief Buss swore in the newly appointed Fire Department Lieutenants.

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:**

Mr. Jim Daugherty of 214 Magnolia Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Daugherty expressed concern over a property at or about 112 Magnolia Avenue that is unkempt. Mr. Daugherty requested the Village do something about this property. Mayor Nehez stated he would speak with Mr. Walters regarding this property.

## **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Jesse Nehez** – Mayor Nehez discussed the Village's Senior Citizens losing their space at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Mayor Nehez discussed the options he has looked into to find a new gathering place for the Village's senior citizens. The Mayor stated the end result is the Seniors will be going to the City of Macedonia for an annual cost of \$3,500.00 for a trial period of one year. Mayor Nehez handed out the cost analysis presented to the Village by Macedonia for Council to review. Mr. Vojtush made a motion to approve the Senior Center services proposal by the City of Macedonia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of approving the proposal by the City of Macedonia; none were opposed. Ms. Noack suggested the Village reach out to the Masonic Temple on Shepherd Road in Macedonia. Mr. Vojtush requested that we reach out to the Moose Lodge.

**Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia** – No report.

**Engineer, Rich Wasosky** – Mr. Wasosky will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – Mr. Bryan read the April 2018 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursements (report attached). A motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Vojtush, seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of acceptance, none opposed. The Report was accepted.

Mr. Bryan discussed the Overlay Area Ordinance on the agenda this evening for a first reading. Mr. Bryan stated Ms. McMahon is available to come to attend a public hearing for any interested parties with questions. Mr. Bryan suggested this meeting be scheduled for June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. A motion to approve a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the Overlay Area was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of scheduling the Public Hearing; none opposed. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department, Chief John Zolgus** – Report attached.

Discussion ensued regarding the opening and closing of Ledge Road due to the construction.

**Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss** – Report attached. Chief Buss stepped out with the newly sworn officers to celebrate. Ms. Ingrassia added to Chief Buss' report that he would be out of town until June 4th. Ms. Ingrassia also reminded everyone the "Touch a Truck" is scheduled for June 9th at 11:30 a.m.

**Service Department, Jason Walters** – Report attached. Ms. Ingrassia stated Mr. Walters was under the weather and announced the key points from his report are the Shredding Event on June

9th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Houghton Road shop for residents only. Mayor Nehez stated the employees working will be asking for IDs for the Shred Event as proof of residency.

#### **REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated the Recreation Board will meet June 7th at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

#### **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli** – Mr. Magistrelli stated the Finance Committee met this evening, and all items appear to be in order. Mr. Magistrelli thanked the Finance Committee and the Finance Director for doing a great job.

**Roads/Public Works, Ms. Domzalski** – No report.

**Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr** – No report.

**Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush** – No report.

**Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack** – Ms. Noack wished to thank the Police Department for the great job they are doing on Ledge Road. Chief Zolcus requested to donate three light bars to a less fortunate department that can use them. A motion to allow the light bars to be donated to a less fortunate department was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of the donation; none opposed.

**Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

#### **LEGISLATION:**

**2018-30** – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Sections 1268.11 and 1270.07 of the Planning and Zoning Code Relating to Car or Truck Rental Establishments (Third Reading). A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

**2018-34** – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1610.99 of the Village's Fire Prevention Code Relating to Civil Penalties for Violations of the Ohio Fire Code (Second Reading). A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

**2018-40** – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Chapter 1267 of the Zoning Code Titled Overlay Area (First Reading). Mr. Bryan recommended this Ordinance remain on first reading to allow for further readings and a Public Hearing. Council agreed that no further action would be taken on this Ordinance this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Nehez stated he feels there needs to be a better way to cite properties with high weeds and grass. Mayor Nehez looked to Mr. Bryan to advise whether the ordinance regarding weeds and high grass needs updating again. Mr. Magistrelli stated he would like to have a work session regarding a fine for non-compliance of weeds and grass after the holiday. Discussion ensued regarding the current specifics of the businesses and residential properties that are not properly caring for their yards.

Mr. Czerr requested information for the property pins on the Summit Avenue parcels. Mr. Czerr said he needed a survey, and the surveyor could not find the property pins. Mr. Hipps stated there are monument boxes, and often, the property pins have been removed or have rotted.

Mayor Nehez thanked the Service Department for their hard work in preparation for the Memorial Day weekend. Mayor Nehez also thanked Joe Scherma for the flags that have been placed all over the Village streets.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of adjournment; none opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council